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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ISAKSON).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

January 29, 2003.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHNNY ISAKSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Tracy A. Carroll, Senior Minister, Community Christian Church, Camdenton, Missouri, offered the following prayer:

God of all nations and the United States of America, bless the House of Representatives as together they converse, contemplate and carve paths of peace, purpose and prosperity for all people. Remind each statesman and stateswoman of sacred trust.

Grant assurance of the goodness of people across this great land as we face various concerns in this generation. In gratitude for institutions of democracy, grant courage to stand and to build consensus.

Guard from partisanship and political pressure. Help each to listen to You and the voices of all people, until unity and harmony are discovered anew for the least and the greatest, immigrant and long-time citizen, orphan and secure child, widow and married, poor and rich, farmer and developer, mentally ill and capable teacher, investor and consumer, employed and unemployed, physically challenged and strong athlete, soldier and protestor, young and the aged, sorrowing ones and ones who rejoice.

Bless the personal lives of our leaders, O God, granting them moments of renewal in the midst of demanding days. Bless the people of the United States and all people in Your world. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. RENZI) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. RENZI led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain one 1-minute. The remaining 1 minutes today will begin at the end of the proceedings of today's session.

INTRODUCING GUEST CHAPLAIN, REVEREND TRACY A. CARROLL, COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH, CAMDENTON, MISSOURI

(Mr. SKELTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege today to introduce to my House colleagues our guest chaplain, Reverend Tracy A. Carroll, minister of the Community Christian Church in Camdenton, Missouri.

Reverend Carroll was born in St. Joseph, Missouri, and still has many relatives in northern Missouri. After graduating from high school in Des Moines, Iowa, he attended Northwest Christian College in Eugene, Oregon, and later earned a Master's of Divinity from Texas Christian University.

Reverend Carroll is joined today by his wife, Colleen, who is also an ordained minister, working alongside her husband as an associate minister at the Community Christian Church. They have two children, Nathaniel, who is a senior at Camdenton, High School, and Tabitha, who is in the 7th grade at Camdenton Junior High School.

Reverend Carroll has devoted his life to the ministry for over 20 years and has served the Community Christian Church in Camdenton since 1992. In the time that they have lived in Camdenton, the Carrolls have become beloved members of the Lake of the Ozarks community. Both church members and members of the community at large talk about Reverend Carroll's compassion and his caring for others.

Reverend Carroll has been very active in community affairs, playing a major role in the Lake Area Ministerial Alliance and with the LAMB House, which provides food and clothing to those in need. He has been on the board of the Citizens Against Domestic Violence, worked with Habitat for Humanity, the Salvation Army, and many other community and youth organizations.

I would like to thank Chaplain Coughlin for his kind invitation to Reverend Carroll to offer the opening prayer, and I would like to thank both Reverend Carrolls for traveling to our Nation's capital to be with us today.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair

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will postpone further proceedings today on the motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record vote on the postponed question will be taken later today.

CONGRATULATING THE TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS FOR WINNING SUPER BOWL XXXVII

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 31) congratulating the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for winning Super Bowl XXXVII.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 31

Whereas, on Sunday, January 26, 2003, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers dominated Super Bowl XXXVII, defeating the Oakland Raiders by a score of 48-21;

Whereas the 27-year-old Buccaneers franchise won the National Football League's World Championship in their first-ever Super Bowl appearance;

Whereas coach Jon Gruden, in his first year as head coach of the Buccaneers, led the team to the pinnacle of success;

Whereas the Buccaneers overcame adversity and defeated the Oakland Raiders, a team credited with possessing the number-one ranked offense in the National Football League;

Whereas throughout the season the Buccaneers were led by a number of players, most notably veterans Warren Sapp, Derrick Brooks and John Lynch, who banded together to form the number-one ranked defense in the National Football League;

Whereas owner Malcolm Glazer's unwavering dedication to bringing together the most talented coaches and players has resulted in the achievement of the most sought-after honor in professional football: the Vince Lombardi trophy;

Whereas the Buccaneers are an integral part of the Tampa Bay community;

Whereas the entire Tampa Bay community is proud of the Buccaneers and their extraordinary season and tremendous accomplishment;

Whereas this championship is especially satisfying to the dedicated Buccaneers fans who have loyally supported the team since their inception in 1976; a very long journey that has culminated in a Super Bowl victory and the recognition that the Buccaneers are the best football team in the world: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives congratulates the World Champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers for their victory in Super Bowl XXXVII.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. PUTNAM) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. PUTNAM).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the resolution under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great day in the State of Florida. The jubilation, the celebration is still going on in the streets of Tampa and in large cities and small towns all over the Sunshine State as we rejoice in the victory of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the Super Bowl XXXVII, a decisive win, the second highest number of points scored in any Super Bowl.

The Buccaneers brought forth a talented offense and a legendary defense with undoubtedly several future Hall of Famers.

Mr. Speaker, I would be remiss if we did not begin by recognizing the man who brought us to the top of that mountain, the youngest coach to ever coach a winning team in the Super Bowl, Jon Gruden, who built on the foundation laid by Tony Dungy and brought spirit, hope and promise to that team by repeating the same mantra: pound the rock, pound the rock, keep pounding away at the opportunities, keep pounding away at the other team's offense, seize the moments and capitalize on the other team's mistakes and weaknesses.

Those outstanding players who were there to back him up, under the visionary leadership of the owners, the Glazer family, were able to capitalize on an opportunity to bring the Tampa Bay area their first Super Bowl championship.

Mr. Speaker, the community spirit that was there, the fans who have suffered through a number of seasons of poor performances, of missed opportunities, they were well rewarded last Sunday afternoon in San Diego. Those fans who have scrimped and saved to purchase season tickets, they have endured a series of coaches, a series of top-notch draft opportunities. They have endured heart-breaking losses in the final seconds, and frankly, embarrassing losses at the beginning of the game for seasons on end. Their determination, their patience paid off; and so this victory, while it is incredibly sweet for the team, it is very altogether fitting and proper for the owners, the real victory is for the fans who have done so much and given so much to keep that team spirit alive, and the Tampa Bay area is, therefore, rewarded with this Super Bowl championship.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I am pleased to join with the gentleman from Florida in consideration of this resolution, Mr. Speaker. Since the first professional football game in the United States took place in 1895 in the town of Latrobe, Pennsylvania, football has become one of America's favorite pastimes. As a matter of fact, it is so popular and so etched in the

minds and hearts of Americans, until many people stop whatever they are doing when it comes time for the Super Bowl.

The Buccaneers' magical season began at the Magic Kingdom, as the bucks held training camp at the Disney Wide World of Sports Complex. It ended on Sunday with the Bucs defeating the Oakland Raiders in Super Bowl XXXVII for the franchise's first world championship.

Buccaneers head coach Jon Gruden's, masterful coaching throughout the 2002 playoffs paid off in the Super Bowl as the Bucs always seemed to make the right call at the right time.

Facing the league's most potent offense in the first-ever Super Bowl match-up of the league's top-rated offense and defense, the Bucs surrendered just 269 yards, only 78 by the time Tampa Bay had built a 34-3 lead. The Bucs controlled the clock for over 37 of the 60 game minutes.

Joining the 1985 Bears as the only team in National Football League history to lead the National Football League in yards allowed, points allowed and interceptions in the same season, the Bucs racked up five interceptions and five sacks in stifling the Raiders' quarterback Rich Gannon.

The Buccaneers more than deserved the warm welcome when they returned home to a packed Raymond James Stadium on Monday night and victory parade through the town on Tuesday.

During the parade, thousands of fans lined the street and screamed their approval as the players drove by in convertibles and pickup trucks.

The Bucs were equally grateful. Manager Rich McKay said, "We have heard a lot about the Eagles fans and we have heard a lot about the Raiders fans. We have heard a lot about all these fans, but I think we all know who the best fans in the United States of America are, and they are the Buccaneers fans."

The Bucs and their fans were simply happy that the Bucs have become the world champs by a margin of 48 to 21, no less for the first time in the franchise's 27-year history.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution introduced by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DAVIS) honoring the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG), the distinguished chairman of the Committee on Appropriations and senior member of the Florida delegation.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, we are rightfully proud in the Tampa Bay area of our team, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers; and I want to thank the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DAVIS), my colleague from Tampa and my neighbor, for introducing this resolution calling attention to the tremendous success of the team.

Also, Mr. Speaker, I think it is important to compliment both teams. I